

# CONNECTED



November 2007

## Water Conservation Becomes a Necessity

In October, Governor Sonny Perdue ordered utilities and water permit holders to reduce water use by 10 percent. "In this unprecedented drought, we all have to pitch in and find ways to conserve our most pre-



Conservation is a concept that can be implemented into the functions in everyday life. Conservation is not doing without water; it is using water more efficiently. We ask all of our customers to reduce water usage by 10 %. In this reduction you will not only lower your water and wastewater bill, but you will help ensure our water resources will last longer.

Here in Marietta, we all share the same water resources so we must all work together to conserve and preserve these resources for our future. Please adhere to outdoor water

restrictions and look for ways to conserve water in your home and business. Water is truly this earth's most valuable natural resource. It will take everyone working together to ensure we have a safe and adequate water supply. See our website for water conservation ideas

cious resource," Governor Perdue said. "A 10 percent reduction in water use is a first step, and we will continue to evaluate our drought response and encourage additional conservation as needed."

The drought of 2007 has reached historic proportions, so it's critical that we take immediate action to ensure that Georgians have a sufficient supply of safe drinking water," said EPD Director Carol A. Couch. Right now our water reservoirs are more than 17 feet below normal. So even if it rains steady for an entire week with an inch each day, that still leave us at over a 16-foot deficit. However, the state Climatologist is forecasting a dry winter so there is concern that our deficit will only continue to grow.

Over the past few years, Marietta Water has put programs in place to protect our water resources through conservation measures. In 2004, Marietta Water revised the outdoor watering schedule to match the State's Drought Management Plan. And in 2006 the water conservation tier structure was adopted to encourage customers to use water more efficiently.



[www.mariettaga.gov/departments/utilities/water/default.aspx](http://www.mariettaga.gov/departments/utilities/water/default.aspx), including a water audit for your home to find simple ways to reduce water usage. If you would like a free home water conservation kit, contact Kim Holland at 770-794-5227. ⚡

# HAVE A JOLLY HOLIDAY SEASON IN QUAINT OLD MERRY-ETTA

Marietta will once again put on its holiday finery and invite residents and visitors alike to enjoy the sights and sounds of the season from Thanksgiving until Christmas.

## Highlights will include:

**Holiday Tree Lighting** – Santa will arrive at Marietta Square around 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 29 and begin listening to children's holiday wishes. He will then preside over the lighting of the giant Christmas tree at 6 p.m. Local choruses will also provide entertainment until 8 p.m.

**Santa in the Square** – Jolly old St. Nick will welcome children to his brightly decorated workshop in Marietta Square every Saturday and Sunday in December, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays. Parents can have their children's photos taken with Santa. Just remember, the line closes one hour before Santa's scheduled departure.

**Marietta Pilgrimage Christmas Home Tour** – Celebrate the 21st annual, award-winning home tour Dec. 1 and 2.

This year's tour features six private Marietta Homes located on Kennesaw Avenue, each lovingly restored and decorated for the season. For ticket information, please call the Marietta Welcome Center at (770) 429-1115.

**Candlelight & Carols** – The Cantare Youth Chorus will sing traditional carols from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on December 19, while guests enjoy hot cider and cookies around the bandstand in Marietta Square. The event is sponsored by Sacred Tapestry Methodist Church. For more information, please visit [www.sacredtapestry.com](http://www.sacredtapestry.com).

**Nativity on the Square** – Citizens for Christian Christmas Celebration will again sponsor this display from 5 to 9 p.m. on December 20 and 22. The festivities will also include local choirs singing traditional music. For more information, please visit [www.newprovidencebc.com/nativity](http://www.newprovidencebc.com/nativity).

Everyone at Marietta Power and Water hope you have a safe and happy holiday season. ⚡

## New Choice Academies Program at Marietta City Schools

The new *Choice Academies* program at Marietta City elementary schools directly supports the district's vision to be "...the school system of choice for families." Anyone wishing to apply for the *Choice Academies* program should complete the appropriate documentation and submit it to

the MCS Central Registration Office by the application deadline of Jan. 18, 2008. *Choice Academies* required forms and additional information is available online at [www.marietta-city.org](http://www.marietta-city.org).

For more information visit [www.marietta-city.k12.ga.us/html/parents/choice.html](http://www.marietta-city.k12.ga.us/html/parents/choice.html). ⚡

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Marietta Power and Water will be closed on Monday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 25 in observance of the holiday season.

### December 8, 2007

#### Tibetan Monks Construct Wisdom Mandala

Unity North Atlanta Church, Marietta. Noon - 7 p.m. Free to all. Stop in at your leisure to watch Tibetan monks as they create the Wisdom Mandala, sacred sand art. The Mandala, an intricate design filled with ancient spiritual symbolism, is constructed with millions of grains of 19 different colors of sand. Visit [www.unitynorth.org](http://www.unitynorth.org) for photos and information or call (678) 819-9100.

### December 14-16, 2007

#### Home for the Holidays

Jennie T. Anderson Theatre. Marietta. Fri-Sat. 8 p.m.; Sun. 3 p.m. A show that will get you into the holiday spirit. A Christmas show with all of your favorite holiday music. Call (770) 528-8490 for information.

### Jan. 13– Feb. 24, 2008

#### Room Service

By John Murray and Allen Boretz

Theatre in the Square  
Often described as one of the great comedy successes of all times, this mile-a-minute, laugh-a-minute farce was also a hilarious Marx Brothers movie. A wily producer makes hide-and-seek attempts to stall creditors and hotel officials while trying to raise cash to finance his big Broadway hit. High-gear shenanigans. Production Sponsor: The Facility Group.

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